

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 12, 2006.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Harkins of Needham in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God, Our Creator, we live every moment of the day in Your presence. We believe that You have a personal concern for our material and spiritual well-being and Your assistance is always available to us in our daily struggle to serve You and constituents. This weekend, we observe and celebrate the birth of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., a great religious and civic leader. We are grateful for his personal commitment to the civil rights movement in our land and around the globe. Teach us to recognize and respect the dignity and the civil, human and religious rights of all people. May the great spirit of Dr. King, his dedication to personal freedom and his concern for all members of the human family, Your family, remain with us throughout the year.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mrs. Harkins), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Fox of Boston) establishing the Purple Ribbon as the unifying symbol for the Violence Prevention/Peace Education movement;

Purple
Ribbon.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Parente of Milford) on the retirement of John A. Rauth, Jr.

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Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox) on the occasion of the retirement of Sergeant Louis Peyron from the Stockbridge Police Department; and

Louis
Peyron.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vallee of Franklin) recognizing Benjamin Franklin's three hundredth birthday celebration Franklin, Massachusetts;

Benjamin
Franklin.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Wayland,
wastewater
management.

By Mrs. Pope of Wayland, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4631) of Susan W. Pope (by vote of the town) relative to the imposition of certain fees and charges by the wastewater management district commission of the town of Wayland. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Brookline,
transportation
board.

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4632) of Frank I. Smizik and others (by vote of the town) relative to the powers of the transportation board of the town of Brookline. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Westford,
police
officers.

By Mr. Hall of Westford, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4633) of Geoffrey D. Hall and Steven C. Panagiotakos (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police in the town of Westford. To the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Nantucket
Land Bank.

A Bill amending the Nantucket Island Land Bank Act to increase the first-time homebuyers exemption (Senate, No. 2330) (on Senate bill, No. 2053), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Automobile
insurance
rates.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2332) of Susan C. Tucker, David M. Torrisi, William Lantigua and Barry R. Finegold for legislation to reduce automobile insurance rates. To the committee on Financial Services.

Private
schools,
CORI
checks.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2331) of Joan M. Menard, Patricia A. Haddad, Michael R. Knapik, Robert M. Koczera and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to CORI information for chapter 766 approved private schools. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

West
Boylston,
hiring
process.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the petition of James B. Leary and Harriette L. Chandler relative to the administrative oversight of the hiring process in the town of West Boylston. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Peter J. Koutoujian for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ellen E. Briggs, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Ellen
Briggs,
sick leave
bank.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Robert P. Spellane and Anthony J. Verga relative to the definition of veteran-owned small businesses and the compilation of such businesses by the Office of Business Development of the Commonwealth. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Veterans,
businesses.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land to the Greater Boston Food Bank, Inc. (House, No. 4602). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Greater Boston
Food Bank.

Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for said committee, reported that the bill ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

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Authorizing the certification and appointment of Thomas Taylor as a firefighter in the town of Wilmington (see House, No. 4209); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the certification and appointment of Darryl Sencabaugh as a firefighter in the town of Wilmington (see House, No. 4210); (Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

At twenty-four minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mrs. Harkins of Needham), declared a recess until twelve o'clock; and at seven minutes after twelve o'clock the House was called to order with Mrs. Harkins in the Chair.

Recess.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the appointment of Matthew A. Kraunelis to the position of chief of staff to the mayor of the city of Methuen (see House, No. 4580) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

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At eight minutes after twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mrs. Harkins of Needham), declared a recess until half past twelve o'clock; and at eight minutes before one o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mrs. Harkins in the Chair.

Emergency Measure.

Greater Boston
Food Bank.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land to the Greater Boston Food Bank, Inc. (see House, No. 4602), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill
enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At seven minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mrs. Harkins of Needham being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.